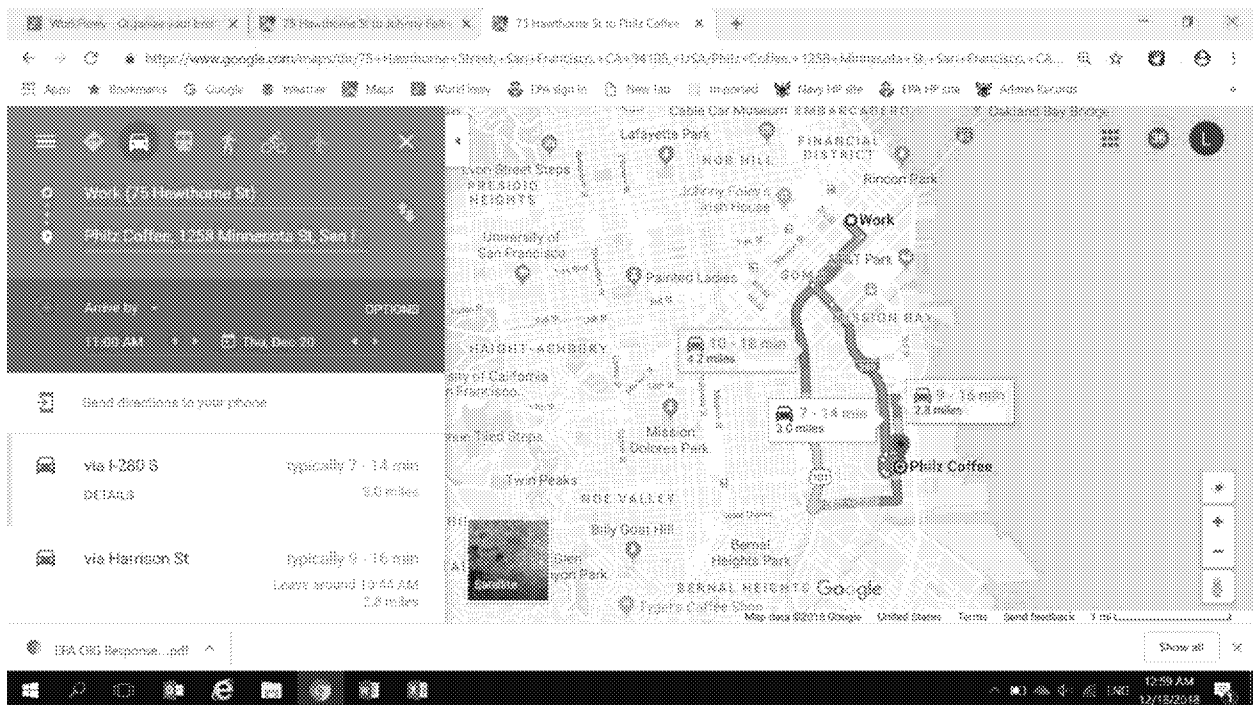


## Prep for Meeting with Supervisor Elect Shamann Walton

### Suggested Agenda

1. Logistics – Philz Coffee, 1258 Minnesota St. Phone number?
2. Background bio and Handouts – Jackie
3. Overall – Lily
4. Parcel A – Maeve
5. Next Steps



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**Subject:** RE: Hunters Point Shipyard

Supervisor-Elect Walton,

First off – Congratulations, and we look forward to working with you in your new capacity! EPA would be happy to meet with you to discuss the testing. I would like to bring along my boss, Superfund Division Assistant Director Angeles Herrera, and a member of our Community Involvement team. The mornings of Dec 18 and 19 would work, and any time on Dec 20. Otherwise, given holiday plans we would not be available until the week of Jan 7.

If you would like specific information any sooner, feel free to call me and we can have a quick discussion.

Thanks,

**From:** Shamann Walton <[ HYPERLINK "mailto:shamannwalton@sbcglobal.net" ]>

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**Subject:** Hunters Point Shipyard

Mr. Chestnut,

Good afternoon. My name is Shamann Walton (Supervisor-Elect for District 10 in San Francisco). I would love to meet with you to discuss the testing on the Shipyard. Please let me know when you are available. Thank you.

## **Supervisor Elect Shamann Walton**

### **Talking Points – Draft 12-18-2018**

- This is a highly unusual and serious situation. I have not seen anything like this in my over 30 years of work at EPA. That's why EPA and DTSC wrote the Navy in 2016 to reiterate our agreement that summer that no further transfers of property should occur until we get to the bottom of our questions about Tetra Tech EC Inc's data.
- Over the last two years, my staff has worked daily with the Navy, DTSC, and CDPH in a very intense work rhythm to review data and to draft retesting plans. Where there are disagreements, we are guided by our Federal Facility Agreement and the vast body of site cleanup decisions and past practices that protect public health and the environment for this community. To ensure the integrity and credibility of decisions in this unprecedented situation, we apply the context of the long and complex history of established national Superfund laws, regulations, and policies as they relate to a site like this.
- My technical staff of national experts, led by John Chesnutt, who is here with me, has been very quick and responsive. What has been revealed through public records releases over the last several months is some of the very independent, thorough, and direct reviews that they have done, especially for Parcel G with respect to identifying the degree of potential falsification and data quality issues and the retesting framework.
- At Parcel G, EPA and our State partners have worked diligently to lay out a scientifically driven retesting strategy that, if followed, is designed to provide the confidence that the site is suitable for redevelopment.
- Any concerns about cleanup standards or data falsification would not impact the health of current residents in Parcel A or the surrounding community. The areas under question are enclosed under protective covers (such as pavement, clean soil, or building foundations) or inside locked buildings in secured parts of the site outside of Parcel A (the residential area).
- Independent radiological monitoring of dust, groundwater, ground surfaces, and fence lines have shown that health-based standards are met, and independent third party contractors routinely conduct in-person observations of current radiological cleanup work.

## **Q&A's – Supervisor Elect Shamann Walton's position**

***Q1. The Development of the Shipyard, including Parcel A, must be halted until the entire site has been thoroughly retested by a third party.***

A1. In 2016, EPA and DTSC wrote a letter that described our agreement with the Navy that no further transfers would proceed until we got to the bottom of the radiological contamination present. We are close to a workplan to begin retesting at Parcel G. In addition, CDPH is scanning Parcel A. Thus far, aside from a deck marker, they have not found any signs of contamination that are not naturally occurring.

***Q2. Tetra Tech cannot be allowed near the retesting process.***

A2. The Navy is not hiring Tetra Tech or its subsidiaries to do the retesting

***Q3. The City should bring in academia (UC Berkeley, etc.) to participate in the actual testing of radioactive toxins.***

A3. That is up to the City. In addition, EPA and its state regulatory partners will coordinate to provide trained technical staff to personally observe retesting. We will do independent sampling and analysis.

***Q4. I plan to convene a task force that would monitor and oversee the retesting of the entire Shipyard. . . . this task force should include . . . EPA, and be open to the public***

A4. If invited, EPA would participate.

## **Q&A's general**

### **Q1. Are Cleanup Standards outdated and not protective?**

A1. As we would do at any Superfund site, ensuring that cleanup standards are current and protective is fundamental to the Superfund process. The Navy is reviewing radiological cleanup standards as part of its five-year review, which is standard for any Superfund site that has waste remaining on-site. This process requires a thorough, detailed, technical review.

EPA has recommended that the plan for retesting the potentially radiologically impacted areas must meet cleanup standards that are demonstrated to be protective using EPA's current risk evaluation tools. The EPA recommends using its Preliminary Remediation Goals (PRG Calculator) online tool to estimate risks under different scenarios. The EPA Users Guide stresses the importance of using site-specific parameters in the PRG Calculator, as opposed to default parameters that may not reflect likely exposures and can provide misleading results.

### **Q2. How soon will you start retesting Parcel G? What is holding that up?**

A2. The Navy is the lead. We have agreement on most aspects of the plan. We have a few remaining issues unresolved. We have made our position clear repeatedly in writing since March that the Navy must follow the EPA national guidances. We are waiting for the Navy's response.